[Mr. T. K. Alexander]

(*b*) if so, what ; and

(*c*) whether Government have decided any line of action regarding his proposal ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes. In the budget proposals for 1110, the Inspector had suggested the opening of 15 new grant-in-aid *Vaidyasalas* and 2 Hospitals.

(*c*) The proposal has to lie over for the present, owing to financial stringency.

Contribution by the Trivandrum Municipality towards street lighting.

153. ✻**MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, makes any contribution towards the cost of lighting the public roads and streets lying within the municipal limits of Trivandrum, and, if so, the amount of contribution ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No contribution is made by the Municipality except by way of payment for current consumption charges for certain lights and pumping plant.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : May I know from the member whether it is for the entire consumption or only for a part ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : For certain lights.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : It is for the entire lights ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam* I) : May I know from the member whether all the streets in the municipal town of Trivandrum are lighted every night ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What is the amonut contributed by the Municipality ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No contribution is made.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : It has been stated by he member that contribution is made by way of payment for current consumption. I want to know the amount.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Rs. 637/.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Per year ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Per year.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know from the member what would be the cost incurred by the Electrical Department for lighting all the streets ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know from the member whether any concession is granted to the Municipality for the price of current per unit ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes ; a concession is given.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the member whether it is the function of the Municipality to have the roads lighted ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, Sir, whether it was the Municipality that was incurring the expenditure for the lighting before the Electric Scheme came ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Municipality was incurring the expenditure.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : May I know whether there is any special reason for making this concession in favour of the Municipality ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I do not follow the member's question.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : May I know whether Government was not paying a special contribution ?

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : Sir, the member said that he did not understand my question. So I request that I may be allowed to put my question once more.

PRESIDENT : I do not think he said that.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I did not follow the member's question.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : My question is whether there was any special reason for making this concession in favour of the Municipality in regard to the amount that it had to pay for the current ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Some concessions are allowed to people who take large supplies of electric energy.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : Sir, my question is not answered.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. A grant was being given.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know from the member whether any concession is granted to private individuals ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

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MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Is there a cent. per cent. concession?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Is there any means of ascertaining the energy consumed by the Municipality?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, we have got the meter.

Customs Receipts.

154. ❋**MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the customs receipts at the Customs House at Kundaur and the Railway Customs House at Shencotta for the years 1107 and 1108 and for the first half year of 1109?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*):

	1107.			1108.			First half of 1109.		
	Rs.	Chs.	C.	Rs.	Chs.	C.	Rs.	Chs.	C.
Customs receipts at the Gundar Customs House	18,839	3	4	20,364	10	10	11,045	26	4
Customs receipts at the Shencotta Railway Customs House	15,821	19	11	11,951	27	15	7,456	8	14

Export duty on cardamom.

155. ❋**MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they intend levying an export duty on cardamom in the near future:

(*b*) whether they have received any representations from the cardamom planters regarding the imposition of an export duty on cardamom and

(*c*) whether they have taken any action on such representations?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. The proposal to levy export duty on cardamom has been held in abeyance.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the average annual income derived from this if it is levied?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It will depend upon the percentage of the duty that is levied on cardamom.

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